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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 27. (cancelled).

- 28. (previously presented) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide having an amino acid sequence at least 60% identical to SEQ ID NO: 2, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.
- 29. (currently amended) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide consisting of SEQ-ID-NO: 1 SEQ ID NO: 2.
- 30. (previously presented) An antibody that specifically binds to a polypeptide encoded by a first nucleic acid that hybridizes under stringent conditions to a second nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO: 3, wherein the polypeptide induces differentiation of an osteocyte.

31. - 40. (cancelled).